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INFO NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION CHRISTCHURCH

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: ENRG, TGEN, NZ, XV

SUBJECT: ANTARCTIC MINERAL EXPLORATION/EXPLOITATION

NSF FOR OFFICE POLAR PROGRAMS

1. JULY 3 EDITION OF RESPECTED WELLINGTON WEEKLY  
"TRANS TASMAN" CARRIES SHORT ARTICLE ON EXPLORATION/  
EXPLOITATION OF ANTARCTIC MINERALS. ARTICLE INCLUDES FOLLOWING  
COMMENT: "SOME DETAILS OF A US NATIONAL SECURITY  
COUNCIL STUDY, COMPLETED IN SECRET, HAVE LEAKED  
OUT REVEALING THAT THE WESTERN ANTARCTIC CONTINENTAL  
SHELVES ALONE HAVE POTENTIAL RESOURCES OF 45 BILLION  
ABARRELS OF OIL AND 115 TRILLION CUBIC FEET OF NATURAL  
GAS -- RESOURCES ROUGHLY EQUIVALENT TO PROVEN US  
RESERVES. THE US FEDERAL ENERGY OFFICE AND THE  
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR ARE BOTH KNOWN TO BE  
KEEN FOR OIL EXPLORATION PROGRAMS TO PROCEED."

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2. EMBASSY UNAWARE OF NSC REPORT. IF REPORT EXISTS,

REQUEST DETAILS AND/OR COPY. ALSO REQUEST GUIDANCE FOR  
HANDLING QUERIES WHICH WE MAY WELL RECEIVE FROM PRESS  
AND/OR GNZ AUTHORITIES NOW THAT ARTICLE HAS  
APPEARED.  
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